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A Three (3) month Extension of Time, from April 25, 2006 to and including July 25, 2006 is requested to file a response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 25, 2006. In view of the large entity status of Applicant, please find enclosed a credit card payment form covering the large entity extension fee of \$1,020.00.

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